



Hygiene Products

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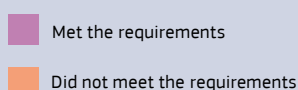
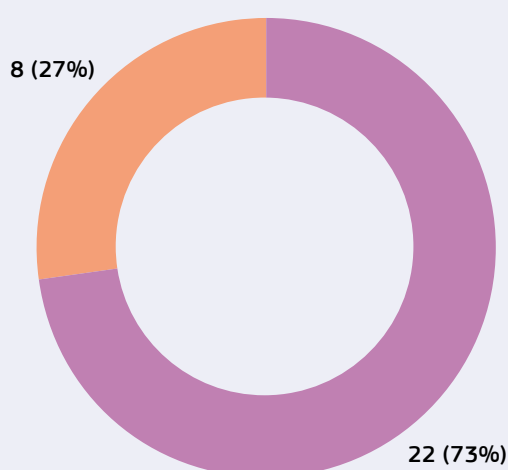
Product scope

The market surveillance authorities agreed to restrict the product scope to disposable hygiene products that are not classified as medical devices and therefore not regulated by the Medical Devices Regulation (EU) 2017/7451. Baby diapers, non-medical incontinence pads as well as external and internal menstrual products were defined as the four main groups for this activity.

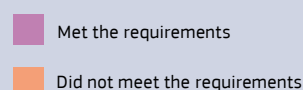
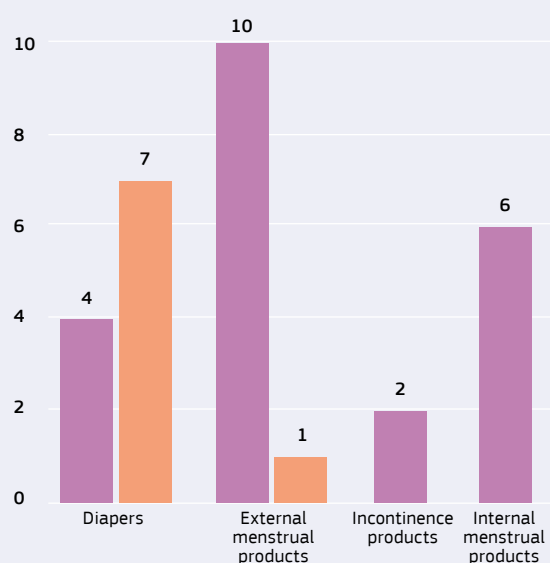


Testing and results

Overall test results (N=30)



Test results per product type (N=30)



Main testing criteria

The testing plan included the following European Standards (ENs) and Regulation:

- EN ISO 10993-18 – Chemical characterisation of materials (AET calculation)
- EN ISO 10993-5 – Tests for in vitro cytotoxicity
- EN ISO 10993-23 – Tests for irritation
- EN ISO 11737 – Bioburden testing – determination of a population of microorganisms (tampons only)
- REACH – Screening for substances of very high concern (SVHC).

Key recommendations

1

Consider biocompatibility when choosing the raw materials and production processes for hygiene products.

2

Raise consumer awareness on the proper use of hygiene products.



Participating market surveillance authorities

COUNTRY	MSA
Austria	Federal Ministry of Social Affairs, Health, Care and Consumer Protection (BMSGPK)
Belgium	Federal Public Service Public Health, Food Chain Safety and Environment
Croatia	State Inspectorate
France	General Directorate for Competition Policy, Consumer Affairs and Fraud Control



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